

**In the Specification:**

**Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 9-18 with the following paragraph:**

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A Cleaning wipes being wet, semi wet or dry are ~~known~~ known in the art. Equally other similar sheet-like substrates such as towels, sponges, pads, napkins, diapers etc are also known in the art. Such items have been packaged in a number of different ways. For example cleaning wipes, tissues, napkins etc are often packaged in a standard box, sometimes with a removable or hinged lid. Such packaging however raises the problem of locating, grasping and removing the uppermost substrate. This problem has been addressed in the prior art by stacking the substrates horizontally, interweaving each of the substrates with the preceding and subsequent substrate. By stacking the substrates in this way, when the user removes a substrate, the next substrate 'pops-up' to be easily grasped the next time. However this 'pop-up' dispensing system can only be successfully used when the substrate is sufficiently flexible and interweaving is possible.

**Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 20-31 with the following paragraph:**

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A An alternative dispensing system would be to stack the substrates vertically in a row, meaning that the substrates are stacked on an edge rather than on a face. However the Applicants have found that whilst this system can accommodate substrates that are less flexible, it is difficult to locate the edge of the next substrate, grasp and then remove it without also removing those substrates on either side. The user must therefore use both ~~hand~~ hands, one to remove the desired substrate and the second to restrain the remaining substrates. This is often not convenient, for example if the other hand is needed for another job or it is wet. In the situation where the substrate is a dishwashing wipe such as those

described in copending European patent application number 00870281.3 (docket number CM2479F), contaminating stored wipes with water before they are used would detrimentally affect the performance of the wipe. Such dishwashing wipes would normally be stored near to a sink and thus close to water. It would therefore be preferred that stored wipes were protected from water contamination on storage.

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